

R E M A R K S

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE DRAWINGS

Figs. 2, 16 and 18 have been amended to add cross hatching indicating the insulation and conductor materials, as required by the Examiner. Submitted herewith are new sheets of formal drawings which incorporate the amendments, and annotated sheets showing the changes made thereto. No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner's objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

THE CLAIMS

Claim 6 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 7, as well as to make some grammatical improvements and to correct some minor antecedent basis problems.

Claims 10-13 have been amended only to make some grammatical improvements and to correct some minor antecedent basis problems.

Claim 14 has been amended to depend from claim 10.

Claim 16 has been amended to correctly depend from amended claim 6, and claims 16, 18 and 19 have also been amended to better accord with amended claim 6 so as to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1, 2, 7-9 and 17, moreover, have been canceled, without prejudice, along with already canceled claims 3-5.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered and that the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 6-9 and 16-19 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of JP 11-113702 ("Arakawa") and JP 60-152432; claims 10-11 and 14-15 were rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by JP 62-66553; and claims 12-13 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of JP 62-66553 and USP 4,077,022 ("Pitts Jr").¹ These rejections, however, are respectfully traversed with respect to the claims as amended hereinabove.

According to the present invention as recited in amended independent claim 6, an electrical apparatus suspension unit is provided which comprises: a plurality of power supply wires, each comprising a core wire comprising stranded wires made of copper

¹ It is noted that on page 10 of the Office Action the Examiner inadvertently rejected claims 12-13 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by JP 62-66553 in view of Pitts Jr. Clearly, the Examiner intended to reject these claims under 35 USC 102 as being obvious over JP 62-66553 in view of Pitts Jr.

alloy having high strength and high conductivity, and an insulating layer covering said core wire; a lower holder gripping a lower end portion of each of said power supply wires, said lower holder being connectable to at least one hung member of an electrical apparatus; and an upper holder gripping an upper end portion of each of said power supply wires. In addition, as recited in amended independent claim 6, upper and lower ends of the core wires of at least two of the power supply wires are connectable to a terminal of the electrical apparatus and a power line, respectively.

By contrast, it is respectfully pointed out that Arakawa relates to a suspension unit for a painting frame, and not an electrical apparatus. (See Fig. 2 of Arakawa.) In addition, it is respectfully pointed out that the wire 1 of Arakawa is not a power supply wire but instead merely sends a weak signal current so that it can be detected when the wire 1 is cut so as to prevent the painting frame 7 from being stolen. Still further, it is respectfully pointed out that the painting frame 7 of Arakawa does not have a terminal to which the wire 1 thereof is connectable.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Arakawa clearly does not disclose, teach or suggest the structure of the present invention as recited in amended independent claim 6, and that amended independent claim 6 and claims 16, 18 and 19

depending therefrom patentably distinguish over Arakawa under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

According to the present invention as recited in independent claims 10 and 12, moreover, a wire grip and an electrical apparatus suspension method are provided wherein the wire grip comprises an inner sleeve and an outer sleeve each having a slotted groove communicating with a wire-insertion bore, and a wire is pushed into the slotted grooves using a jig.

By contrast, it is respectfully pointed out that (contrary to the Examiner's assertions) the gripper of JP 62-66553 does not include a slotted groove or a jig as according to the present invention as recited in independent claims 10 and 12.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that JP 62-66553 does not disclose, teach or suggest the structure of the present invention as recited in independent claims 10 and 12, and that independent claims 10 and 12 and claims 11, 13 and 14 depending therefrom patentably distinguish over JP 62-66553, taken singly or in combination with Pitts Jr, under 35 USC 103.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of all of the pending claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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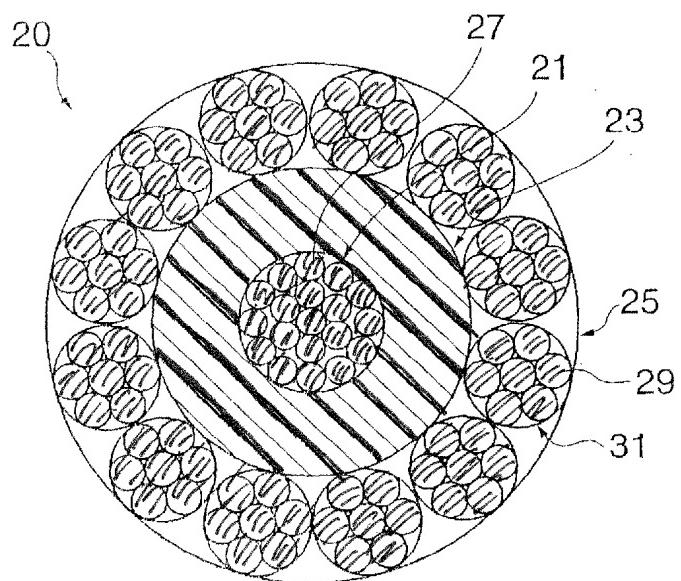
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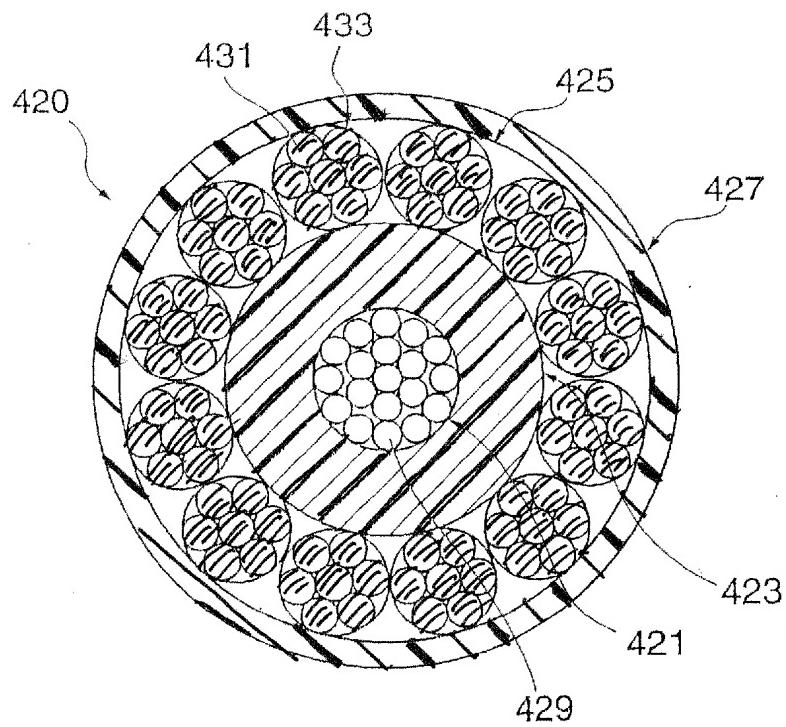
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FIG. 18

